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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Credit Rate Agreement between South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and

Clean Energy Collective, LLC **Docket No. 2016-290-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS does not oppose the request submitted by South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G" or the "Company") in the above referenced Docket. The Company requests that the Commission accept for filing the Consent and Third Amendment to the Renewable Generator Credit Rate Agreement ("Consent and Third Amendment") between the Company, Clean Energy Collective, LLC ("CEC"), Cypress Creek SC Community Solar, LLC ("Cypress Creek"), Nimitz Solar, LLC ("Nimitz Solar"), Curie Solar, LLC ("Curie Solar"), and Springfield Solar, LLC ("Springfield Solar"). The Credit Rate Agreement ("CRA") was approved by Order No. 2016-707 on October 18, 2016, the First Amendment to the CRA was approved by Order No. 2017-151 on March 8, 2017, and the Second Amendment to the CRA was approved by Order No. 2018-57 on January 25, 2018.

The Consent and Third Amendment consents the transfer of Nimitz Solar, Curie Solar, and Springfield Solar and the assignment of the rights, title, interest and obligations under the CRA from CEC to Cypress Creek. It also amends the CRA to transfer the responsibility for performance

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of operations and maintenance ("O&M") of the community solar facilities from SCE&G to Cypress Creek and to provide that SCE&G will compensate Cypress Creek for such O&M performance. Rates paid by SCE&G to customers or to the authorized community solar developer for energy produced by the community solar facilities are not affected by the Consent and Third Amendment.

The Consent and Third Amendment is consistent with Commission Order No. 2015-512 approving the Community Solar Distributed Energy Resource Program, and the terms are consistent with the public interest.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

cc: Joseph Melchers, Esquire (via E-mail)